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1. AT FEBRUARY 4 POLADS, CANADIAN REP (FOWELL) REPORTED ON RECENT (PRIOR TO JANUARY 28) CONVERSATION BETWEEN CANADIAN AND ROMANIAN AMBASSADORS IN MOSCOW RE KREMLIN POLITICS. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR CLAIMED BREZHNEV HAD BEEN SUFFERING FROM A BAD COLD AND EXCESSIVE FATIGUE, WHICH HAD NECESSITATED A LONG CONVALESCENCE. THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT BREZHNEV'S HEALTH GENERALLY WAS NOT GOOD AND THIS MIGHT LEAD TO A CURTAILMENT OF HIS ACTIVITIES IN THE COMING MONTHS.

2. ACCORDING TO THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR, BREZHNEV IS NOT IN SERIOUS POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES. THE DECISION NOT TO APPLY THE US-SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENT WAS TAKEN COLLECTIVELY, AND THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP INTENDED TO KEEP THIS ACTION SEPARATE FROM OTHER CONFIDENTIAL

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ASPECTS OF MOSCOW'S DETENTE POLICY. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR CLAIMED BREZHNEV HAD SUCCEEDED IN HAVING POLITBURO TAKE COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DETENTE POLICY AS A WHOLE.

3. THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR THOUGHT THAT AT PRESENT NO ONE WAS TRYING TO PRESS A BID TO SUCCEED BREZHNEV. IN THIS REGARD, HE THOUGHT THAT THE COLLECTIVE MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES TO BREZHNEV ON THE DEATH OF HIS MOTHER WAS POLITICALLY SIGNIFICANT. WHEN THE TIME COMES FOR EVENTUAL SUCCESSION TO BREZHNEV, THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR THOUGHT, THE INITIAL TRANSITION WOULD BE SMOOTH.

4. IN DESCRIBING THE PERSONALITIES OF VARIOUS SOVIET LEADERS, THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR SAID THE FOLLOWING:

A) KIRILENKO IS OPEN AND FLEXIBLE;

B) MAZUROV IS A CAPABLE ADMINISTRATOR, WITH A WARM AND HUMAN PERSONALITY;

C) KOSYGIN HAS THE BEST BRAIN IN THE POLITBURO, BUT IS STIFF IN MANNER.

5. ON US-SOVIET RELATIONS, THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR OPINED THAT THE US NEEDS THE USSR MORE THAN VICE VERSA.

6. FRG REP (CITRON REPORTED HIS AUTHORITIES SHARE UK VIEWS ON SUCCESSION TO BREZHNEV REPORTED IN REF B.  
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